'Water' being a State subject, it is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Governments to take necessary steps to preserve the ground water storage against its unlimited exploitation. However, Ministry of Water Resources, Government of India, had circulated a Model Bill in the year 1970, which was re-circulated in 1992 and again in 1996 to all the States/Union Territories to enable them to enact suitable legislation for regulation and control of ground water development. A revised Model Bill 2005, to regulate and control development and management of ground water has again been circulated to all States/ Union Territories for adoption. So far, the States of Andhra Pradesh, Goa, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Union Territories of Lakshadweep and Pondicherry have enacted and implemented the ground water legislation on the lines of Model Bill. The States of Gujarat and Maharashtra have also enacted/taken steps for regulating the exploitation of ground water. The States/Union Territories of Assam, Bihar, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka, Mizoram, Orissa, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Daman & Diu, NCT of Delhi, Jharkhand, Meghalaya, West Bengal, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Madhya Pradesh, Uttaranchal and Andaman & Nicobar Islands have initiated action for preparing legislation in this context. While, the States/Union Territories of Nagaland, Sikkim, Tripura, Punjab and Chandigarh have stated that they do not feel it necessary to enact any law in this respect, at present.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

श्री सन्हपतिः सदन की कर्यवाही 12 बजे तक के स्थगित की जती है।

The House then adjourned at thirty one minutes past eleven of the clock.

The House reassembled at twelve of the clock.

[MR. CHAIRMAN in the Chair]

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

I. Notifications of the Ministry of Civil Aviation

II. Report and Accounts (2003-04) of the Commission of Railway Safety.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): Sir, I lay on the Table:

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Civil Aviation, under sub-section (3) of section 14-A of the Aircraft Act, 1934, together with Explanatory Memoranda on the Notifications:

(1) G.S.R. 330 (E), dated the 20th May, 2005, publishing the Aircraft (First Amendment) Rules, 2005.

(2) G.S.R. 400 (E), dated the 16th June, 2005, publishing the Aircraft (Second Amendment) Rules, 2005.

(3) G.S.R. 401 (E), dated the 16th June, 2005, publishing the Aircraft (Third Amendment) Rules, 2005. [Placed in Library for (1) to (3) *See* No. L.T. 2643/05]

II. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Annual Report of the Commission of Railway Safety for the year 2003-2004 under section 10 of the Railways Act, 1989. [Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 2644/05]

Notification of the Ministry of Company Affairs

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA): Sir, I lay on the Table, under section 30B of the Chartered Accountants Act, 1949, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Company Affairs Notification No. 1-CA(7)/ 83/2005, dated the 28th July, 2005, publishing the Chartered Accountants (Amendment) Regulations, 2005. [Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 2779/05]

Notifications of the Ministry of Finance

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): Sir, I lay on the Table:

(i) A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) Notification G.S.R. 12 (E), dated the 10th January, 2005, publishing the Authority for Advance Rulings (Customs, Central Excise and Service Tax) Procedure Regulations, 2,005, under sub-section (3) of section 961 of the Finance Act, 1994, together with an Explanatory Memorandum on the Notification. [Placed in Library. See No. L.T. 2806/05]